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Freshmen elect Gordon class president

Manning, Battaglia, Flaherty, Felitto elected to senate

By ROY CRIHFELD
The Flat Hat

The Class of 2012 chose the newest members of the Student Assembly last night. Kobie Gordon '12 was elected president after winning the runoff election over three opponents. Shortly after the election results came in at 8 p.m. last night, Gordon was led blindfolded into the Library

Tavern, where he was greeted by cheers and dancing from the other winning candidates.

"I'm looking very forward to working with everyone and I want everyone to know that I'm approachable, and I want everyone to be able to talk to me, and I'll make sure that our goals are reached while I'm here at William and Mary," Gordon said. The four freshman seats on the

senate were won by Betty Jeanne Manning '12, Ben Battaglia '12, Tom Flaherty '12 and Stef Felitto '12, who defeated fifth-place finisher Matt Schofield '12 by only two votes.

The elections for the freshman officers on the SA executive provided less drama, as all the winners easily won their races.

Jackie Stykes '12 was elected vice president for advocacy and Ni-

cole Skarpness '12 will serve as vice president for social affairs. Stephanie McGuire '12 won the secretary position and Xiaoyu Guo '12 was elected treasurer.

"The freshman class is the most diverse class William and Mary has ever seen," SA President Valerie Hopkins '09 told the new SA members. "Make sure you know what their needs are."

PIÑA RESIGNS

Jazmine Piña '11 resigned her position as sophomore class president last night. Piña, citing stress and a desire to focus more time on studying and her family, leaves the SA on positive terms.

"I love the SA," Piña said. "I love a ton of the people and I think they do a great job, I just have other stuff I need to focus on."

— Miles Hilder

Senate releases finance report

Nelson admits to accidentally using card once at Wawa

By SAM SUTTON
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The Student Assembly Senate Finance Committee has determined that Senator Steven Nelson '10 inappropriately charged \$4.79 to the SA debit card connected to an off-campus account misused by former SA Vice President Zach Pilchen '09.

In a charge that cleared on Dec. 10, 2007, Nelson made a \$4.79 purchase at Wawa. According to the senate's report, Nelson admitted to using the card accidentally while it was in his possession for the purchase of materials for a free speech wall. The report also states that Nelson believes he repaid then-SA President Zach Pilchen '09 for the purchase.

It has not been determined conclusively whether or not Nelson repaid Pilchen.

"I accidentally used the card at Wawa," Nelson told The Flat Hat. "I told Zach and [Sen.] Matt [Beato '09] ... the people who needed to know."

Nelson went on to say that he was very open about the accidental purchase with members of the SA in the months following the purchase.

Beato said Nelson told him months later, when Beato had left the SA to run for Williamsburg City Council. He said he notified several SA members and decided he would investigate when he returned to the SA. It was this investigation that originally determined Pilchen's misuse of the account.

"Steven Nelson, I think, was very honest about it from the beginning and told people about it," finance committee chairwoman Sen. Caroline Mullis '09 said.

Andrew Blasi '09, who oversaw the

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Move over, Your Majesty, Al Roker is here

PHOTOS BY MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT

[ABOVE] 'Today Show' co-hosts Matt Lauer and Al Roker broadcast live from Colonial Williamsburg Wednesday as part of a series examining politics in battleground states, including Virginia. [BELOW] Kevin Dua '09 and Andrew Morris '09 arrived early in the morning to celebrate the Tribe on national television.



Students gather early to appear on morning news show

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat Insight Editor

"You look like George Washington," shouted an onlooker as NBC's 'Today Show' weatherman Al Roker, dressed in colonial garb, greeted the crowd just before climbing into a horse-drawn carriage.

"The Today Show" broadcast live from Colonial Williamsburg this morning as part of a series on battleground states in the 2008 presidential election. Roker talked with the banner-waving, slogan-chanting crowd of 700 about national issues such as the economy and foreign policy.

Further down Duke of Gloucester Street, the show's co-host, Matt Lauer, broke down Virginia's voting demographics with Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, U.S. Rep. Eric Cantor

and former Virginia Sen. George Allen in the Capitol building. Virginia, worth 13 Electoral College votes, could decide the presidential election in August, Lauer said.

The show featured Williamsburg's colonial attractions, including a fife and drum band and basket weaving. Roker filmed a food showcase of the King's Arms Tavern for the show's final segment.

Members of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation have known for two weeks that NBC would film an entire episode of "The Today Show" on DoG Street, and have been preparing since. The foundation hopes the show will attract more tourists to Colonial Williamsburg.

"We could not afford this type of advertising," Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Director of Historic Sites Diane Schwarz said. "We've got a great product here and we hope that 'The Today Show' viewers know that, too."

Colin Campbell, the president of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and a member of the College of William and Mary's Board of

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Senate confirms Slawter as new VP



JAMES NAPOLITANO — THE FLAT HAT

Chief Justice of the Review Board Billy Mutell '09 swears in new Student Assembly Vice President Kristin Slawter '09 Tuesday night.

By MASON WATSON
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Student Assembly senate confirmed Kristin Slawter '09 as SA vice president Tuesday night in a meeting marked by protracted debate. SA President Valerie Hopkins '09 chose Slawter out of over 40 applicants for the position after a review process Hopkins described as "exhaustive."

Hopkins emphasized Slawter's dedication and urged that the senate confirm her so that "we can just start moving forward."

The senate received Slawter's nomination favorably and none of the senators overtly questioned

her suitability for the position.

Senator Ross Gillingham '10 asked what particular agenda items Slawter intended to pursue. Slawter stressed the necessity of deciding executive objectives promptly.

"We have until the end of November to really set in place what we want to do," she said.

She said that she would try to take "a more holistic approach" to working with the city, students and alumni, arguing that the SA must ensure "that the William and Mary experience stays salient in the minds of the students."

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Provost to retire in spring 2009

By BRIAN MAHONEY
Flat Hat Online Editor

When College of William and Mary Provost Geoff Feiss entered the world of higher education administration as an associate dean at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, he had a problem: He didn't own a tie.

"Geologists don't wear ties," Feiss, a former geology professor, said. Feiss compromised by wearing a bow tie, which he now says is his signature look at the

College.

"Everybody here now thinks of me as the guy in a bow tie, but I think of me as the guy who has to wear the bow tie because he has to wear some type of tie."

Feiss, the soft-spoken, least conspicuous component of the College administration, will retire this June after more than 10 years as an administrator at the College.

As provost, Feiss was charged

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Corrections

In the Tuesday, Sept. 23 issue, article “Breakout bands set to rock College,” the band is called Rouge Wave, not Rouge Wave.

The Flat Hat wishes to correct any facts printed incorrectly. Corrections may be submitted by e-mail to the section editor in which the incorrect information was printed. Requests for corrections will be accepted at any time.

Weather

Friday



High 78°
Low 65°

Saturday



High 81°
Low 64°

Sunday



High 83°
Low 64°

Source: www.weather.com

Online-Only Content

Supreme Court Preview

by Sarah Mellman and Sarah Ross

Federal court judges, lawyers and scholars don’t usually play games. This weekend, they will.

Federal court judges, lawyers, scholars and journalists will meet today at the Institute of Bill of Rights Law’s Supreme Court Preview taking place at the College of William and Mary’s Marshall-Wythe School of Law. This annual event, now in its 21st year, has historically served as an exciting peek into the judicial landscape of the upcoming year.

BOV meeting focuses on environment, finances

by Alex Guillén

At yesterday’s Board of Visitors meeting, the campus sustainability initiative and failing finances dominated discussion during various committee meetings. Vice President for Administration Anna Martin told the BOV that environmental issues are extremely important, and BOV Rector Michael Powell ‘85 discussed finances. “The financial situation, to date ... is deeply concerning,” Powell said.

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Finance committee report released

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account as secretary of finance at the time, said that he had no recollection of the purchase in the bank statements.

“There was no reason to suspect any wrongdoing,” Blasi said. “I think what happened is very unfortunate.”

In addition to Nelson’s purchase, the finance committee uncovered approximately \$196.15 in unaccounted for purchases. One of two purchases at the College’s copy center, both for approximately \$56, is known to be legitimate, although it is unclear which of the two it is.

“Of those purchases, we’ve found it’s clear, although there is no proof, that they are likely legitimate,” senate chairman Walter McClean ’09 said.

Unaccounted for purchases were made at Staples, the U.S. Postal Service, Wal-Mart and the College’s copy center.

“I know that we’ve taken what we’ve learned, and what we’ve found out, and we’re going to turn it into action to prevent this from happening again,” McClean said.

The official investigation began following the revelation in early September that Pilchen had misused the account for personal purchases. The committee cataloged each purchase made on the account purchases that occurred during Pilchen’s terms as president and vice president, and used e-mails, interviews and SA calendars to determine each purchase’s purpose.

“Cooperation from everyone exceeded my expectations,” Mullis, said. “I think we’re all happy this is behind us and can move on.”

The College’s audit office will be performing an audit of the account during Pilchen’s tenure. The College’s senior auditor, Sharon Bohn, will be conducting the audit.

The report also details recommendations on how the senate could change the finance code to make executive spending more accountable, including eliminating the debit card, creating an itemized list of expenditures to be reviewed by the senate and posting expenditures made on the account on the senate’s listserv. The report also advises the senate to clarify who is authorized to use the account.

SA President Valerie Hopkins ’09 would not comment for this article as she had not yet read the report.

STREET BEAT

What was it like to go to ‘The Today Show’?



“It was really nice because he came to the crowd and talked to us.”

Mary Bonney ’10



“It was the greatest experience of my entire life.”

Ryan Love ’12



“It was crazy but fun.”

Molly McDonough ’12



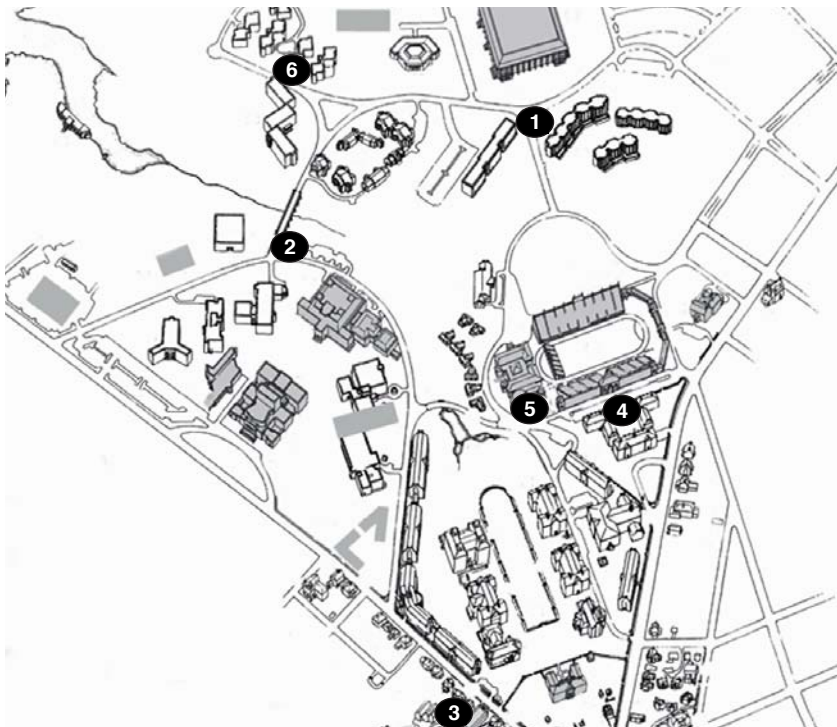
“I was gonna go but I decided it was too early.”

Tim McDade ’12

— photos and interviews by Caitlin Fairchild and Maral Noori-Moghaddam

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

Sept. 16 to Sept. 22



Tuesday, Sept. 16 — An individual reported that a bracelet had been stolen from the Fraternity Complex. The bracelet’s estimated value is \$350.

Wednesday, Sept. 17 — An individual reported that a bicycle had been stolen on the 300 block of Ukrop Way. The bike’s estimated value is \$30.

Thursday, Sept. 18 — An individual reported that a bicycle had been stolen from outside of Taliaferro. The bike’s estimated value is \$100.

Friday, Sept. 19 — An individual reported that a bicycle had been stolen from outside of the Bryan Complex. The bike’s estimated value is \$75.

Monday, Sept. 22 — An individual reported that a bicycle had been stolen from outside of the Sadler Center. The bike’s estimated value is \$100.

— An individual reported that a bicycle seat had been stolen on the 100 block of Wake Dr. The seat’s estimated value is \$20.

— compiled by Bertel King, Jr.

Kansas gov. holds Obama rally

Kathleen Sebelius lectures at Sadler Center about election issues

By ALEXA MCCLANAHAN
The Flat Hat

Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius visited the College of William and Mary Tuesday to campaign on behalf of Democratic presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama.

Her visit to the Sadler Center drew a crowd of approximately 200 students and Williamsburg residents, many sporting Obama pins and hats.

During the event, sponsored by William and Mary Students for Barack Obama, Sebelius noted the important role of Virginia in the election this fall.

“Virginia is an absolutely key state,” she said. “The road to the White House comes right through the Commonwealth.”

Sebelius complemented her local approach by leading a discussion with four Williamsburg women. After each woman’s vignette, Sebelius offered her insight on key political issues.

The first, Johnette Weaver, decried the rising gas prices that make the “struggle to choose whether or not I want to fill up the

[gas] tank or the refrigerator” a daily event. Sebelius then described Obama’s plans for a “second stimulus package” and a \$1,000 energy dividend that she argued would lower the costs of groceries and gas for families.

Anne Chalkey, a single mother working two jobs, lamented the cost of medication, even with insurance co-pays. Sebelius discussed Obama’s plan to extend children’s insurance coverage to the age of 25, which he says will decrease the number of children put in custody of the state on account of rising medical costs.

The next speakers, Cynthia Williams and Della Robbins, described their respective struggles as a servicewoman and a recently laid-off employee.

Shifting the discussion to the war in Iraq, Sebelius acknowledged Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain’s military service.

“We should be proud of that service,” Sebelius said. “That doesn’t mean we need to elect him president because of that service.”

Before fielding questions from the audi-

ence, the governor discussed the national job crisis. She noted that 600,000 Americans have lost their jobs so far in 2008. Although Virginia is still faring better than the national average, Sebelius advocated “invest[ing] in strategies that put people back to work here at home.”

“We have a chance to change directions in this country ... or we will continue in the same direction, the same failed policies,” she said.

After the event, Sebelius elaborated on the increased role and visibility of students in this election.

“Children and young adults are saying, ‘Vote for me this time it’s my generation,’” she said.

She encouraged students to register in Virginia, or spend time “knocking on doors, making phone calls” to make a difference in the national election.

Ultimately, however, Sebelius expressed the need for bipartisanship.

“We are not red states or blue states,” she said. “We are Americans, and we need to face our challenges as Americans.”

City Council member visits College

Paul Freiling meets with students to discuss community issues

By MEGHAN BOHN
The Flat Hat

Williamsburg City Council member Paul Freiling ’83 met with students at the Sadler Center on Wednesday to discuss issues facing students in the community.

The event presented students with the opportunity to question Freiling about the issues they consider most important, and was hosted by Students for a Better Williamsburg, the College Republicans, the Young Democrats and the Monroe Hall Council.

“This is the first time regular students are able to meet a city councilman,” SBW founder Josh Karp ’11 said.

SBW is a student-run political action committee that advocates student issues in Williamsburg.

“Paul was the only candidate to explicitly seek student support in the general election and is consistently the most pro-student member of the council,” SBW director Michael Douglass ’11 said.

Freiling, a native of Fredericksburg, was originally elected to the Williamsburg City Council in 2004.

This spring, he was reelected with more

votes than any other candidate.

Freiling is known to focus on topics that impact students at the College of William and Mary, including attracting student-oriented businesses to the area and electoral reform.

Methods for creating a more eco-friendly city were the subject of significant interest at the forum. Freiling discussed engaging in the Green Government Challenge, a state-wide movement to enact eco-friendly laws.

“We would like to work together with student organizations that have some of the same goals and harness their efforts and ideas,” Freiling said.

Some students at the event questioned Freiling on the city’s public transportation system.

“The complications within Williamsburg Area Transport have arisen as a result of trying to serve various constituencies under one system,” Freiling said.

He added that WAT is willing to negotiate changes in a contract with the College.

The three-person rule, which prevents more than three unrelated people from living in an off-campus house together, was also discussed.

“I think the rule has had some unfortu-

nate consequences and that we need to find a solution that satisfies both the people that rent property and those who occupy the residences around them,” Freiling said. “The rule is not going to be eliminated, but steps like a special use permit process could begin to make a change.”

Freiling explained that the permits would involve landlords applying for the ability to rent out a unit to more than three people. They would be awarded based on criteria such as the number of bedrooms and baths, parking availability, and the passing of inspection guidelines.

He concluded that the city council’s first priority is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community.

He hopes to promote interaction between the College, the council and the city in an attempt to increase accessibility.

“I am hoping that there can be a continuation of the ongoing dialogue between the College and the rest of the city,” Freiling said.

Douglass agreed.

“I think that Paul is trying to promote change by connecting the student body with the City Council.”

‘Today Show’ broadcasts from ’burg

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Visitors, said that Williamsburg is still important today.

The colonial city also shared the spotlight with a crowd of 700, many of whom traveled from surrounding areas to appear on the show. One couple waved an “Ohio” banner in front of the camera to greet family back home.

Brenda Morris and her daughter drove from West Virginia so they could catch a glimpse of Roker.

“I can’t wait to see Al Roker,” Morris said. “He loves food like we do.”

Though students from the College had a shorter trip, they were just as excited to be on television.

“We got here at 4:45 a.m.,” Katherine Covina ’12, who came with other members of her freshman hall, said. “We sprinted down DoG Street to get a spot and one of us got injured.”

Students adorned in green and gold dotted the crowd, but were overshadowed by something other than school spirit.

“I think most people are here for political reasons, but small groups of us are here for

Tribe Pride,” said Kevin Dua ’09, who wore a green wig and gold face paint.

The College Republicans organized a group to make an early morning trek into Colonial Williamsburg for the show. Ten members waving pro-McCain signs arrived early enough to get a front-row spot.

“We are here to show McCain pride,” John Michael ’12, a member of the College Republicans, said. “Virginia is going red this year.”

In a segment that upset some students from the College, an NBC correspondent praised the University of Virginia mere blocks from campus. Luke Russert, son of the late Tim Russert, failed to mention the College and other Virginia schools while commenting on a segment he had taped earlier in the week at U.Va.

“You have to remember the smartest kids in [Virginia] go [to U.Va.],” Russert said. “So it is leaning a little bit toward Obama.”

He later issued a public apology, and once again failed to address the College by name.

“I meant to say that many of the kids who go to U.Va. are from affluent, highly educated households who are leaning Obama, and hence their kids lean Obama. Plenty of

smart college kids will vote for John McCain from U.Va., and plenty of smart kids go to Virginia Tech or George Mason and they, too, could end up being big Obama voters.”

Student Assembly President Valerie Hopkins ’09 expressed her regret that Russert ignored the College while filming in Williamsburg. Though she has not talked to him yet, Hopkins plans to invite Russert to campus.

“I will be contacting him and inviting him to come to the College, hang out with my friends and go to some of my classes so he can check out the intellectual rigors of the school for himself, and I am certain he will change his mind,” Hopkins said.

Politics remained at the forefront of the event, as a group holding a 10-foot-long pro-Obama banner began chanting “Yes we can.”

The McCain supporters started chanting back, but before the situation escalated, the Tribe Pride crowd began singing the Alma Mater, and shouts of “William and Mary” calmed the atmosphere for a moment.

“I think the rules are thrown out. I think there are no rules,” Roker said. “I don’t think anyone can assume anything.”

College provost to retire at year’s end

Feiss oversaw campus research expansion in 11-year tenure

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with overseeing research, admissions and the registrar, as well as creating and expanding interdisciplinary and specialized academic programs like the neuroscience concentration and the Sharpe Community Scholars program. He also helped oversee the construction of new buildings including the Integrated Science Center.

When he arrived in Williamsburg as Dean of Arts and Sciences in 1997, Feiss wanted to expand facilities and resources for interdisciplinary studies. He planned to hire more faculty and improve campus diversity. Since then, the faculty/student ratio has dropped to 11:1, and the percentage of minority students — now at 25 percent — has almost doubled.

Feiss was also tasked with creating a productive environment for research and creativity.

“When you’re a dean or provost, your task is to find the creative energy that’s here and nurture it,” Feiss said. “My job is to find the opportunities for students and faculty.”

That task was often compromised at a College that has struggled for years with a small endowment and persistent budget cuts.

“We had very severe budget cuts in the early part of the decade when I was still dean, and now we’re doing it again. It’s kind of a punch in the stomach,” Feiss said.

Since becoming Provost in 2003, Feiss has played a less public role than others in the College administration. Perhaps his most outspoken moments occurred last year after the resignation of former College President Gene Nichol, when he spoke on behalf of angered faculty and students and described Nichol’s resignation as comparable to a “death in the family.”

“A sudden transition like that is more than difficult, it’s traumatic; there was a lot of change to manage at that time ... a lot of misunderstandings as to how this had happened,” Feiss said. “It became a very difficult time. Emotions were raw, people got angry on all sides of these issues.”

After College President Taylor Reveley became interim president last February, Feiss said that he offered to step down, but was asked to remain another year.

“Geoff has made a very significant difference for the better at William and Mary, playing a leading role in shaping its academic life,” Reveley said in a College-wide e-mail. “He has provided vital aid and comfort to me during the last seven months. We have worked together seamlessly for the good of the university and will continue to do so this academic year.”

Reveley also said that the College will conduct a national search for a new provost. It is likely that the new administrator will come from the College, as Feiss himself was the arts and sciences dean before his appointment to provost.

Feiss received a BA in geology from Princeton University, and an MA and a doctorate in geology from Harvard University.

Slawter ’09 confirmed SA VP by senate

SLAWTER *from page 1*

Sen. Matt Beato ’09 asked how Slawter would help compensate for the weaknesses of the SA and “fill in the cracks” as vice president, while pointing out Slawter’s positive credentials.

“I think one thing that is really good about you is that you bring some different strengths than Valerie had,” he said.

Slawter responded by noting that she hopes to bring a new perspective to the SA.

“Sometimes, the approach of the past administration has been a bit aggressive,” she said, especially in its relations with City Council members “and maybe some of our administrators.”

“I tend to take a more tactful approach,” she added

Sen. Brittany Fallon ’11 commented on recent criticism of the nomination of Slawter, saying that some have characterized her as an SA “insider.”

“I’ve never thought of myself as an SA insider,” Slawter responded. She has been involved in the SA since her freshman year, first as class secretary and later as vice president for advocacy. “I have never been caught up in some of the negative aspects of factionalism.”

The senate confirmed Slawter’s nomination unanimously. Chief Justice of the Review Board Billy Mutell ’09 swore her in, and Slawter

assumed her responsibilities as chairwoman of the assembly for the remainder of the meeting.

In other business, the senate confirmed Justin Reid ’09 as undersecretary to the Board of Visitors and Alex Bracken ’09 as secretary of College policy.

The senate debated the BOV Presidential Search Act, sponsored by Sen. Walter McClean ’09. The bill asks for clarification from the BOV regarding its methods of soliciting student opinion and expresses general disapproval of the lack of a presidential selection process.

The most contentious aspect of the bill, however, was the attached letter to be presented to the BOV, which met yesterday and again today. The letter,

written collectively by the committee that approved the bill, received a mixed reaction from the senate. Several, including Sen. Charles Crimmins J.D. ’10, objected strongly to the wording of the letter. Specific passages, according to Crimmins, seemed to imply a negative reaction to the appointment of College President Taylor Reveley by condemning the BOV’s lack of a search process.

The bill, which included the amended letter, passed 14-3-0.

The Virginia Gazette Act, which was sponsored by McClean and allocates up to \$700 for the purchase of 300 issues of The Virginia Gazette for an eight-week trial period, was passed unanimously.

Celebration of Summer Research 2008

Saturday, September 27
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Editorial quick-takes

It's been a busy few days for the College, so we're dishing out our opinion on all the news.

■ The Student Assembly released the results of its investigation of expenditures from its off-campus account. We're happy to see they've recommended strict regulations on use of the debit card. We're happier to see they might eliminate it altogether. That the investigation still couldn't account for about \$150 in spending offers all the more reason to increase oversight in the future.

■ The senate voted to confirm Kristin Slawter '09 as SA vice president. That confirmation spared the school from extended turmoil, and we hope this indicates that the SA has moved past the year's rocky start. With Slawter at the helm and the investigation complete, the SA can finally return to legislating and advocating for students.

■ Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius spoke on campus earlier this week, and today, Solicitor General Paul Clement will hold a talk at the College's law school. Certainly the College hosts a number of lectures and talks every year, but it's exciting to see such prominent figures make a stop here in Williamsburg. If Virginia holds onto its battleground status in the future, perhaps the College can draw a presidential debate. It's happened before. Why not again?

■ City Councilman Paul Freiling came to campus to speak with students and address their concerns. Despite Matt Beato's '09 defeat at the polls in May, it's reassuring to see that members of the City Council continue to take the student demographic seriously. The more than 1,000 students who have registered to vote represent a very real constituency in the Williamsburg community, and Freiling appears to be treating it as such.

■ Provost Geoff Feiss said he plans to retire, ending his 11-year tenure at the College of William and Mary. After watching the College lose several high-profile administrators in the past several years, we're all the more sorry to see Feiss go. He played an integral role in shaping the current undergraduate program — and he wore fantastic bow ties.

■ NBC's "The Today Show" filmed in Williamsburg Wednesday morning. It's great to finally see the College receiving some non-controversial time in the news, if only as the backdrop to Al Roker's weather report. Still, it would have been nicer if Colin Campbell, as a Board of Visitors member and head of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, had gotten the College a little more face time. Luke Russett's telling America that Virginia's smartest students go to the University of Virginia didn't help things, either. Based on his reporting, however, we were able to draw a conclusion of our own: Clearly, the smartest television commentators don't work for NBC.

The staff editorial represents the opinion of The Flat Hat. The editorial board, which is elected by The Flat Hat's section editors and executive staff, consists of Austin Wright, Jeff Dooley, Alice Hahn, Brian Mahoney and Andy Peters.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Response to Juicy Campus To the Editor:

I am so sick and tired of Juicy Campus. What a pathetic use of time and energy. Who are you, the student body, to judge the character of others? I have seen the names of some of the most wonderful people destroyed via a website. I came to the College of William and Mary ready to escape the drama and hurtfulness of high school.

At first, I was elated to, for once, see maturity and poise in a generation stereotyped by rumor-mongering. Now, I could not be more disappointed in a place I was once proud to call my home. There is nothing gracious or honorable about anonymously posting vindictive words on a website. Grow up.

If you truly have a problem with someone on our campus, confront him or her in the proper forum. This most certainly is not for something like Juicy Campus. Freedom of speech is a beautiful thing, and should be used with the utmost reverence and tact. It was never meant to cut people down and spread salacious lies. We are all adults, on our own and completely responsible for what we do and say. Even threads like "Hottest Athlete" judge people on their appearance rather than the content of their character.

It is such a shame to have the virtue of the majority tarnished by the pettiness of a few. We are one campus — one Tribe. Let's act like it.

— Britt Beringer '11



By Olivia Walch, Flat Hat Cartoonist

Consider the environment at the polls

Caroline Cress

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



A lot of hype has been circulating around campus about environmental sustainability. From green fees to the trayless program at the Caf, you've probably heard about lots of actions you can take to be a part of the ever-growing environmental movement on campus. But there's one simple action you can take that is often overlooked — get out and vote.

Vote in the presidential election.
Vote in your local elections.
Vote in any way you can for candidates with comprehensive and responsible energy and environmental policies.

This election year, the main issue is the economy. Healthcare, gas prices and the war in Iraq get their fair share of attention on the campaign trail as well. Young voters, many of whom are voting for a presidential candidate for the first time, need to demand that this election also focuses on our collective future. The environment is no longer a fringe political issue. It is inherently intertwined with issues of economics, social inequality and public health.

We can't keep drilling for more oil and mining for more coal. We can't keep destroying landscapes and ecosystems at an ever-accelerating pace. We can't keep pumping enormous amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

If we don't change our policies and practices now, we'll have to pay for these mistakes in the future. Our current elected officials may not be around to deal with

the consequences, but we will be. We have to demand that we begin to use energy more efficiently as a nation, that we generate our energy from clean and renewable resources, that we conserve our resources, and that we preserve our valuable ecosystems.

With last month's unemployment rate at 6.1 percent, we have the opportunity to boost our economy by creating millions of green jobs and generating clean and renewable energy right here at home. We have the opportunity to alleviate social injustices and improve the health of and quality of life for families living in towns currently suffering from the localized impacts of coal plants, mining sites and other hazardous pollution. We have the opportunity to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and its accompanying conflicts and financial debt.

By switching to clean, renewable and domestic sources of energy, we can solve many of the problems upon which this election is focused. It's a win-win situation all around, and every candidate in every election this fall needs to recognize that. But how? It's easy — sign the Power Vote pledge.

Power Vote is a national nonpartisan effort to mobilize young voters for a clean and just energy future. Signing the pledge sends the message to all candidates and elected officials that we care about these issues and expect them to be a larger part of this election season. Go to powervote.org or look for opportunities to sign the pledge on campus in the coming weeks. Make sure you register to vote before Oct. 6, and if you're voting absentee, remember to mail in the application by Oct. 28.

Carefully consider each candidate's energy and environmental policies before making your final decision. Then, get out there and vote in November. And remember: Vote for your future.

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Teens must show responsibility to petition the drinking age

Brittany Hamilton

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



As Campus Police will inform us while they cruise around campus looking for teetering teenagers, the underage drinking laws and the College of William and Mary's drinking policies, despite over 20 years of debate, are still in place. During its alcohol education program, the College takes a freshman survey to discover the percentage of students who do not drink. A high percentage are probably lying, or they haven't started drinking, yet.

Roughly nine out of 10 underage students I know drink alcohol, which exposes the College's alcohol policies

and Virginia's drinking laws as highly ineffective. This high number of underage drinkers also suggests a high number of irresponsible drinkers.

As college students across the country argue for lower drinking ages, it's important to realize that college students who get trashed or binge drink are responsible for the high drinking age.

Lawmakers and policymakers have established one of the highest drinking ages in the world, and it is important to know how they came up with this drinking age in the first place.

The senators and representatives of 1984 saw that teens between the ages of 18 and 21 were causing more drunk driving accidents than any other age group. What these lawmakers didn't realize was that

this age group was not more likely to drink and drive than other age groups; this statistic had more to do with the variation of drinking ages that the states set for themselves. While some states had a drinking age of 18, bordering states had a drinking age of 21.

Underage drinkers are seen by older voters as stupid kids who can't just sit back and have a beer.

This created incentives for younger drinkers to cross state lines and pick up their drinks in neighboring states, get drunk, and then drive back to their home state. Blood borders — state borders where drunk driving accidents occurred most frequently

— were caused by this discrepancy in drinking ages among states. It's clear enough that while older drinkers were probably drunk-driving just as much, they only had to drive down the block, while younger drinkers had to drive across state lines to get their booze.

I think the unreasonable drinking age might have something to do with the image of a boy wearing a backwards baseball cap, dipping his neck gracefully over a toilet seat. We have created a stereotype of irresponsible drinking for ourselves. Underage drinkers are seen by older voters as stupid kids who can't just sit back and have a beer.

We have to fill our bodies with so much booze that we puke, have unsafe sex, trash other people's houses, get alcohol poisoning and drive.

While this does not describe everyone, it only takes a few people to ruin it for the rest of us. They are the representatives of our age group that older voters and lawmakers see and worry about.

But blaming binge drinking and the increased risk on Virginia laws and College policies is equally as ineffective as the laws and policies themselves. It's like arguing that the chicken came before the egg.

We could just not get trashed all the time. Or at least demonstrate that we, too, can have responsible drinking habits.

We are illogical when argue that we deserve the right to purchase, possess and consume alcohol. We abused the privilege when we had it, and we still haven't grow up.

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VARIETY

No Boys Allowed



GRAPHIC BY VICKY CHAO — THE FLAT HAT

Two male women’s studies majors offer insights into the new age of feminism

By **BECKY KOENIG**
The Flat Hat

These are not your grandmother’s feminists. “If you’re a male, you’re a fag,” Kathy Middlesex ’09 said casually, describing what he thinks is the common perception of male women’s studies majors. Kathy Middlesex is not his real name; though comfortable discussing his women’s studies major, he wishes to remain anonymous to keep his lifestyle and identity from his parents, who would not approve. He chose to use his drag name, a name by which

he is known to a number of friends on campus. “It’s for family reasons, privacy to family,” he said. “And from family.” Thus are the contradictions of life as a male women’s studies major at the College of William and Mary. Cheerfully chatting about common feminist myths, he tosses around sexual lingo with no apparent discomfort. Yet the judgments of parents still register. “Well, my dad would not be a fan at all,” Middlesex said. “It just works out that when I do tell him, he doesn’t have a say because he’s not paying [for school].”

The issue of support, or lack thereof, is familiar to the rare males that major in women’s studies. They inhabit a gray area, as the role of men in the field is ill-defined and controversial. According to professor Christy Burns, chair of the women’s studies program, only three of the 33 currently declared majors in the program are male, and only two of those — Middlesex and Jamie Hood ’09 — are on campus this semester. They, like other male students, are of course welcome in the program. “We need to make sure the focus on women is a significant focus,” Burns said. “I know that there have been dis-

cussions about it. At Boston College, I believe, there was a big convention controversy. A professor wanted no men in her women’s studies class. It changes the way the discussions work, talking about women’s bodies, women’s health, rape, sex. Maybe they won’t say things in front of men.” Professor Brett Wilson, who teaches in the English department at the College, understands this concern from personal experience. He received a women’s studies certificate along with his graduate degree, and served

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THAT GUY



Brooks Wildasin: Greek life, country soul

By **LAUREN BILLINGSLEY**
Flat Hat That Guy columnist

Brooks Wildasin puts me at ease before he even takes his seat in the quiet side room of the *Daily Grind*. In the middle of a hectic week for both of us, he is down-to-earth and unruffled. Brooks, who will graduate with a degree from the business school and a minor in history, is the president of Sigma Pi fraternity and a fellow unit-dweller. This military brat has traveled to every country in Western Europe, and called Germany and sunny Oahu home before settling into life here at the College of William and Mary. **What is it like being the president of Sigma Pi?** Honestly, most of my time is really dedicated to the fraternity and getting things turned around. There were some leadership issues in the past, and I came in and have been working on developing us and getting us back on track. I think my fraternity in general has grown in the last year into something much better than it originally was. That’s probably my biggest job right now. It’s been a

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Trader Joe’s supplies organic options

By **MARY ANN BADAVI**
The Flat Hat

When name-dropping the grocery store Trader Joe’s in casual conversation, odds are at least one person will gasp and then respond, “I love Trader Joe’s!” The grocery store with a large following opens today at 5000 Settler’s Market Blvd., minutes away from Monticello Marketplace on the Red line on the Williamsburg Area Transit bus route. The store will be celebrating its grand opening all weekend long, with raffles for free groceries, tons of samples and special prizes. Trader Joe’s caters to those who crave organic and world food. “While Bloom has a really small section of organic and natural products, Trader Joe’s is that little section multiplied by a lot,” Virginia Jenkins ’10, head of the foods group in the Student Environmental Action Coalition at the

College of William and Mary, said. “You have a lot more options and a lot of them are considered more environmentally friendly and economical overall.” Some of Trader Joe’s specialty items include crab cakes, dried mango slices and Double Rainbow Ultra-Chocolate ice cream. The store will give students more grocery shopping options than the current choice between Ukrops and Bloom. “I know their olive oil and balsamic vinegar is good,” Jenkins said. “You can get it in huge amounts and it’s really, really cheap compared to other stores. I use olive oil in all of my cooking, so that’s one thing I’m excited about Trader Joe’s coming for.” Gillian Schefer ’12, a self-professed Trader Joe’s fanatic, has a few favorite things as well. “The popcorn is the best,” she said. “Plus their ‘Two Buck Chuck’ wine ... if you’ve ever been

there, you know what I’m talking about.” Many believe the best place to go for local produce will always be the farmer’s market. “With farmer’s markets, you can see the farmers and talk to them, and you know where it’s coming from,” Jenkins said. “I can’t imagine that Trader Joe’s would stop selling vegetables in the wintertime, so it doesn’t encourage people to preserve their food, to stock up on local food and go through all of that.” This Trader Joe’s marks the eighth grocery store to be built in the Williamsburg-

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JACK HOHMAN — THE FLAT HAT
Trader Joe’s, an alternative grocery store, opens today on Settler’s Market Blvd. As of Aug. 2008, the California-based chain has 301 stores open in 23 states and Washington, D.C.

VIVA EL RITMO



BEAU BLUMBERG — THE FLAT HAT
Bio Ritmo, a Virginia-based Latin music band, performed Wednesday night at the Saddler Center as part of the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration put on by the College’s Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Hispanic Cultural Organization. The eight-member band was formed in the early ’90s and is known for its unique rhythms of salsa fused with various types of Latin music such as bolero, flamenco and mambo.

TECH REVIEW

Google Chrome’s launch misses the gold

By **WALTER HICKEY**
The Flat Hat

Google has attempted to expand its already growing dominance over the net by releasing an internet browser. Google released Google Chrome Sept. 2, and the tech community was eager to see and, inevitably, were disappointed by what it had to offer. Google Chrome has an elegant but very basic interface. By “very basic,” I mean barren. Google, in its haste to get the cash cow out to market, elected to not include any add-ons that may involve the user with the browser. One of Google’s goals was to allocate maximum screen space to content, and in that they succeed. The interface is compact; however, any Firefox fan will be up a creek without a paddle due to Chrome’s crippling paucity of any type of

NOTABLE CHROME FEATURES

- Google search can be used within the address bar
- Dynamic tabs can be swapped along the tab bar
- Opening a new tab provides a list of your nine most visited sites

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Buy

“Sex and the City” [Right]

Carrie and the girls, along with all of their risqué movie adventures, are now available on DVD loaded with extra scenes and commentary.



Star Sense

You can get into an elevator and actually pass gas, and people still won't smell it.” [Right]

— Jessica Simpson, on the wonders of her new perfume Fancy, on Rachael Ray



Play

“Kirby Super Star Ultra” for DS

Everybody's favorite cream puff returns on the Nintendo DS September 22. Play three new touch-screen games with up to three friends.

Wildasin sings ‘Save a Horse’

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lot of work. How has the administration treated the frat this year?

The administration used to be much tougher on us and have definitely calmed down to work with us this year and that's something I've been really proud of. I feel like the communication between Greek life and administration in general has been much better this year. It's creating a healthier, safer environment for everybody.

What's life been like in the notorious units?

The cleaning staff in the units are by far the most strong-willed, best people in the world. They'll do anything for us. But beyond that, life in the Units is difficult. They're nice, but they could be a little better-kept. It seems like there's always one or two things that are getting broken. I understand that they are old buildings, but they could be better.

What is, in your opinion, the best dance party theme?

My personal favorite is “Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy,” but that's because I'm a huge country fan and it's the only time I can get away with putting that in the playlist. Honestly, my other favorite was “Golf Pros, Tennis Hos,” which we can't do any longer because the school doesn't like the terminology. So now its “Golf Pros, Tennis ... Ladies.”

Doesn't have the same ring, does it? Exactly. It used to be my favorite one until that whole debacle.

The new season of “The Office” premiered last night. What ‘Office’ character would you be?

Jim, just because he really goes with the flow on everything. He doesn't really let things get to him. That's how I characterize myself. I'm really laid back and I can roll with the punches. I don't get flustered, and I like to have fun.

If there was a soundtrack to your life, what would be on it?

It would be a fusion between “Keg in the Closet” by Kenny Chesney and “Could You Be Loved” by Bob Marley. And, if anyone can understand that, then they'll understand me.

We call it a day, because we've both got a lot of work to do. Brooks wishes me luck on my exams and gives an amiable good-bye as we head out of the Grind. I'm sure I'll see him around campus, but if I ever hear Kenny Chesney blasting from Unit E, I'll know who to blame.

Feminism: Not just a topic for women

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as a teaching assistant in women's studies courses at the University of Pennsylvania.

“I think that there are women that justifiably think that women's studies is more of a safe space for women,” Wilson said. “I do think it can be the study of women by and for women, which works if you think everything else you study is about men, taught by men. If you are looking for a haven and then a man pops up in that environment, it can feel like a letdown, I guess. There still aren't that many places for women to choose to be together without some kind of monitoring or judging by men.”

Hood and Middlesex do not worry about what their female colleagues think of them.

“I was raised by my mother, and she was a feminist and raised me with very progressive beliefs,” Hood said. “There was nothing uncomfortable about it; there were other guys in the class. That was never an issue for me; I feel more comfortable around women anyway.”

Like Hood, Middlesex was inspired to take women's studies classes by a woman he respected.

“One of the professors who was here last year, Margot Weiss, was kind of announced to the [lesbian/bisexual/transgender/gay] students as being queer, and she had interests that were intriguing,” Middlesex said.

“She was really fierce,” Hood added, laughing.

According to professor Suzanne Raitt, who teaches English and women's studies classes, not every male student in an introductory women's studies class shares Middlesex and Hood's sincerity.

“I've taught the intro course I think three times, and more recently I've had more male students,” Raitt said. “The first time, there were none, the second there was one, the third there were three. Those students ... I wouldn't say they were interested in feminism, I think they took it out of curiosity. They told me they wanted to meet girls. They came to the course with absolutely no idea of what they were going to encounter. They always sat together, those three. I think they were friends, from the same fraternity.”

Burns also has taught male students not purely interested in feminist theory.

“One had a girlfriend who was an outspoken activist on campus, and he thought he better take the course,” Burns said. “One enjoyed talking to his sister, and he wanted to understand her, wanted a fuller education. Some are just curious about women.”

More often than not, curiosity is not enough to



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT Professor Suzanne Raitt of the English and women's studies departments converses with a student during her Virginia Woolf seminar, a course cross-listed with both departments.

tempt men into women's studies classes. The inherent exclusivity of the title may turn them away. Several American colleges have gender studies programs, a field established in the 1990s, according to Burns. While sitting at the Grind, Hood and Middlesex pondered the possible effects of renaming their field “gender studies.”

“I would probably keep the same classes and just call it gender studies,” Hood said. “It basically is a gender studies department. A couple classes are interested in masculinity studies. If we called it ‘gender,’ would more men get involved? I don't think so. People are not comfortable with the issue.”

Middlesex shook his head. “I think my family would be more comfortable with me as a gender studies major,” he said.

Both agreed that a fear of being stigmatized keeps male students away from the women's studies program, regardless of its title.

“They're afraid of being called fags,” Hood said. “No men can be in there without being gay; that's the idea that circles. A lot of men have issues with sexuality. We're babies,” he said, and Middlesex joined him in laughter.

At colleges in general, students' individual issues with sexuality are sometimes incorporated into the general campus attitude. Hood and Middlesex feel their friends are very accepting of their interest in women's studies but that the general student body is less understanding about feminism. They cited negative student reactions to annual events such as Drag Ball and Gender-Bending Day.

“This campus is often really closed-minded,” Hood said. “Last year the whole fiasco about the Sex Workers' Art Show — that was humiliating for our

campus. It's really interesting how a campus that considers itself so liberal can be so closed-minded at times.”

The male majors each offered suggestions for improving the women's studies program and for spreading the ideals of feminism around the College. Middlesex advocates gender-blind housing, and Hood would like to see more class options and greater funding for the program. Neither has any complaints about their professors.

“I think the professors I've had in the women's studies department have been the best I've had,” Hood said. “They are the most fascinating, articulate, most open-minded.”

Their greatest concern about the major may be its impracticality. Most of the disparaging reactions they receive are related not to their sexuality or masculinity but to people's ignorance about the career applications of the program.

“I want to do queer activism or lobbying, or something like that,” Middlesex said. “There's just so much that needs to be done. I think it's a pretty practical use for the major.”

“I'm not doing anything practical,” Hood said dryly. “I'm staying in academia.”

Raitt defines feminism as “the movement to achieve equality for men and women in all areas of experience.” Despite men's ambiguous place in the field of women's studies, their exclusion would be in opposition to the ideals of feminism.

“Why would your biology or appearance limit what you can do in life?” Wilson said. “That's nonsensical. If the big issues are equality and social justice, those are things that men and women need to discuss together.”

Google disappoints with new Chrome browser

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add-ons. An in-depth analysis of the browser's features does betray some innovative tools and other features.

For all intents and purposes, however, Netscape Navigator has more nuances than this. Google calls this a feature; I call it laziness.

A closer look will reveal nothing altogether innovative. Chrome's URL bar functions also as a Google Search box. For instance, typing the letter “D” into the URL bar recommends Digg, one of my bookmarks, and Dictionary.com, a common Google search. Typing “J” recommends both common “J” searches

and items from my recent history, like Juicy Campus.

Chrome is eerily perceptive. It almost causes the user to fear (rather accurately) that someone is watching. It has a built-in spell check, just like predecessors Safari and Firefox. It can remember passwords if you so desire. It organizes your bookmarks, makes suggestions, and attempts to integrate itself with the user. It's like Facebook's news feed meets Big Brother.

Compared to Explorer, Chrome is superior on all counts. Chrome is, at the very least, low impact software — easy to install, easy to uninstall. On the other hand once Explorer is on your computer, it digs deep and never ceases

to aggravate you, despite attempts to get rid of it. Chrome is next to uncrashable, whereas a website like Myspace gives Explorer epileptic seizures. Chrome is minimalist and centered on stability, whereas Explorer is infamous for its bulk and inability to perform. Putting Explorer up against Chrome is like throwing a paper plane at the Death Star.

One of the few things about Chrome that will surprise cynics is its stability. A dozen Youtube videos at once made my processor wheeze, but Chrome soldiered. Even Myspace proved unable to crash Chrome. This is because Chrome passes the busywork over to your processor, allowing the browser to keep pushing through mountains of data without bothering to stop for breath.

However, this also means that just about every other program will lag and crash because the processor is too busy loading a video to work on other things. Chrome requires about 20 percent more memory than other browsers.

Perhaps the most outstanding problem with Chrome is that it is, essentially, Spyware. Google logs every keystroke you make into the URL bar. Your personal viewing habits — what news you read, what links you click, what stories you like and your favorite type of picture — are analyzed. Google doesn't distribute Chrome for free out of the goodness of its heart. It plans to capitalize, market and sell the data that defines the essence of “you” to advertisers. You'll have a fan club.

Taken as a whole, Google Chrome is a disappointment. Firefox and Safari users will be hard-pressed to find anything that surprises them in Chrome, because most of the code has been around for a decade. Google just copied it, pasted it, stamped on a logo and released it under a Creative Commons license. Google can do better. Until it does, it'll never be able to control the world.

Trader Joe's brings organic goods to Williamsburg

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James City County area.

When asked about the constant expansion in relation to the store's opening, Jenkins had mixed feelings.

“The rampant development of Williamsburg, starting from Target and going from there, just seems like it won't stop,” she said. “Each development is pushing and stressing the ecosystems a lot more, and that's a big problem

unless you consider the fact that they provide alternatives to the things that an environmentally conscious person might feel better about purchasing.”

Despite the downsides, there's no doubt that Trader Joe's is the place to be for students looking for an eclectic and organic mix of low-priced foods, from heirloom tomatoes to Bordeaux pastries.

“Organic was the way of the past, but now it's the way of the future,” Ben Singer '12 said.



The features of Google's new internet browser, Chrome, focus on providing quick access to your favorite sites. Instead of an empty white window, opening a new tab reveals screenshots of your 9 most-visited sites that create easy-access links.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

VOLLEYBALL

Tribe rallies past VCU in conference opener

The College of William and Mary downed Virginia Commonwealth University 3-2 in the Tribe's CAA opener. Sophomore outside hitter Erin Skipper led the squad with 13 kills as the Tribe jumped out to a quick two-game advantage. After VCU rallied to take the next two games and even the match, the College recovered to hit .200 in the final game and seal the win. Senior setter Kim Mount notched a game-high 43 assists, while adding 21 digs — second to junior defensive specialist Lindsey Pflugner's 27. The win is the Tribe's eighth in a row and boosts its season mark to 11-3.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Zimmeck named to Soccer Buzz team of the week

Senior forward Claire Zimmeck was named to the Soccer Buzz collegiate team of the week after notching two goals and two assists while leading her team to a pair of victories this weekend. Zimmeck's game-winning goal against North Carolina State University dealt the Wolfpack its first loss of the season, while her three-point game against University of Akron helped the College of William and Mary to a 6-0 win. The honor was the fourth of the All-American's impressive career.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

College releases 2008-2009 schedule

The College of William and Mary unveiled their 2008-2009 schedule yesterday, a slate highlighted by NCAA tournament teams University of New Mexico and Old Dominion University. The Tribe will journey to face the Lobos at the Thanksgiving weekend Holiday Inn and Suites Express Midtown Thanksgiving Tournament, with an opportunity to face the University of Nebraska or Butler University with a victory. ODU will visit William and Mary Hall Jan. 22 in the midst of a strenuous run of conference play.

— By Matt Poms

SCHEDULE

Fri., Sept. 26

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Hampton Roads Collegiate Invitational — Norfolk, Va.

FIELD HOCKEY

@ Northeastern — Boston, Mass. — 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

UNC-WILMINGTON — 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 27

MEN'S SOCCER

TOWSON — 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Hampton Roads Collegiate Invitational — Norfolk, Va.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Yale Intercollegiate — New Haven, Conn.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
COLONIAL INTER-REGIONAL CHALLENGE

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
COLONIAL INTER-REGIONAL CHALLENGE

Sun., Sept. 28

MEN'S GOLF

Hartford Invitational — North Falmouth, Mass.

FIELD HOCKEY

Vermont — Boston, Mass. — 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

@ Georgia State — 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Hampton Roads Collegiate Invitational — Norfolk, Va.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Yale Intercollegiate — New Haven, Conn.

MEN'S SOCCER

Tribe downs Campbell, stays unbeaten

Belcher scores equalizer in regulation, Thomas gets game winner in overtime



WILLIAM SENDOR— THE FLAT HAT
The Tribe celebrates a Nat Baako goal.

By **CHRIS WEIDMAN**

Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

TRIBE 3, CAMPBELL 2

It took 102 minutes and 26 shots for the College of William and Mary (4-0-2) to pull out a 3-2 double overtime victory Tuesday night over Campbell University.

Tribe junior forward Price Thomas finalized the match when he ripped a loose ball into the net in the 102nd minute. The win extended the College's unbeaten streak to six — its longest to open a season since 1994.

"To be honest, I do not know if the goalie had it or not, but I swung for the fences and luckily it popped out and I got a tap in," Thomas said.

After Campbell goalkeeper Aaron Johnson denied a low shot from Tribe sophomore midfielder Nat Baako, Thomas charged the cage and stole the ball from Johnson's outstretched arms for his second goal of the season.

Despite the College's 26-12 advantage

in shots, Campbell led 2-1 after Khalil Johnson scored in the 83rd minute for the Camels. Johnson's blast beat sophomore goalkeeper Andrew McAdams to the upper right corner of the net.

Refusing to record its first loss of the season, the Tribe rebounded two minutes later when senior forward Nathan Belcher notched the equalizer off a header that eluded A. Johnson and a Camel defender to knot the score at two.

"It was a big scramble in the box," Belcher said. "Baako went up with the keeper and kind of knocked it out of his hands, and I just jumped for it. [A Campbell defender] was on the goal line and tried to block it, but [he] blocked it up into the net."

Belcher's late goal was his second of the season. The 6'6" forward has seen increased playing time of late due to injuries to numerous forwards.

"We dodged a bullet, obviously," Head Coach Chris Norris said. "We had most of the run of play in the second half and cre-

ated a lot of chances. In the end it would have been a very disappointing game for us to lose or tie."

The College opened the scoring barely five minutes into the match when redshirt freshman midfielder Stephen Laws corralled a rebound and placed the ball into an open net for his first career goal. The Camels tied the score two minutes later on a low cross from Jason Keever, which ricocheted off a Tribe defender in the six-yard box and spun into the cage behind McAdams.

The Tribe nearly went ahead three minutes into the second half when Thomas fed the ball in front of the goal to sophomore back Nick Orozco, whose shot narrowly missed the left post.

"We are in a position now where we have to be really careful; we are preaching to the team all the time that we are not as good as the press clippings say," Norris said. "We have to stay focused and stay humble and keep doing the things that have gotten us to this point."

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

'Mission' accomplished

Tribe captures national academic team title

By **ANDREW PIKE**

Flat Hat Sports Editor

It's fair to say that 2008 has been a good year for Head Coach Cliff Gauthier.

His team finished 11th at the NCAA championships. He passed the 700-win mark for his career at the College of William and Mary. And the Tribe earned the National Academic Team Champions honor (an award given by the College Gymnastics Coaches Association) for the fourth time in Gauthier's career.

"It was an awesome year," Gauthier said. "It was one of those teams that just achieved. I don't think, with our personnel, we could have done better than 11th at the NAAs."

While the wins and honors are certainly special to Gauthier, he likes to focus on the Tribe's mission: "To use the medium of gymnastics to help people improve the quality of their lives by teaching them how to grow and to learn more about who they are."

After 35 years of coaching at the College, Gauthier still holds fast to that philosophy.

"The mission is the driving force of our team," Gauthier said. "If all the guys buy into this and are comfortable with it, we'll be quite successful."

The mission includes a commitment to excel, work hard, help teammates, maintain the integrity of competition, and stay focused in the classroom. To truly excel, Gauthier expects his athletes to blend together the different aspects of their lives, whether those are athletic, social, academic or familial.

"Rather than just calling it 'balancing' all those aspects in your life, I like to refer to it as 'blending' because they all work together," Gauthier said. "If you're having trouble in your classes, it's going to boil over into the gym."

It's that "blending" that has allowed his teams to be so successful. Gauthier has coached All-Americans on both

the NCAA and the USAG (a competition for non-scholarship teams) levels, USAG and league championship teams, and, most recently, the top academic team in the nation.

It's the Tribe's fourth title since the award's inception in 1991. During that 17-year span, the College has placed inside the top 10 a total of 15 times. It's also taken runner-up honors on four occasions.

"You can't beat the national team champions [award]," Gauthier said. "It shows a completely sustained effort for all the guys on the team for an entire school year."

When Gauthier and the team talked about expectations for the 2008 season, the national academic title was part of the discussion.

"I thought we had a chance to do it," Gauthier said. "We do push that. We really do."

His team — composed of athletes that Gauthier hand-picks for possessing both athleticism and a "love for learning" — responded to that early season chat and focused on competing at high levels in both the gym and the classroom.

"We worked really hard last year," junior Derek Gyax said. "Last year, everybody got in this mindset and we were just going [with] everybody working together and helping each other out."

The Tribe's camaraderie can be traced to the recruiting trail.

"Right off the bat, a lot of guys get eliminated simply because they just want to be an athlete or they can't afford the effort it takes to excel in the gym," Gauthier said. "A lot [of athletes] will just try to cash in on their athletic ability to go to school as a short-term investment. What I'm trying to get is guys that look at going to college as truly the real investment."

Gauthier's recruiting efforts land athletes who also value academics. That approach certainly helped the Tribe edge past Ohio State University with a cumula-



COURTESY PHOTO — WILLIAM AND MARY SPORTS INFORMATION
The College earned its fourth national academic team title this year.

tive GPA of 3.421 to the Buckeyes' 3.415. The College also beat out the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University and the University of Michigan for the title.

"Cliff will definitely get on us if our academics start going down," sophomore Matt Holmes said.

Last year, that wasn't the case. Thirteen of the 19 guys on the roster were first- or second-team academic all-Americans. First-teamers needed at least a 3.5 GPA, while the GPAs of second-team members fell between 3.2 and 3.4999. Since 1991, the College has had 91 schol-

ar-athlete honorees.

"It takes a lot of leadership from within the team," Gauthier said. "I can't force that on the guys, but I can help create the atmosphere. Then it's up to them to take advantage of it."

His 2008 senior class (Devin DeBacker, Andrew Hunt, Aaron Ingram and David Locke) led the way with the highest combined GPA of the classes and numerous USAG and conference awards.

"I'm just really proud of the guys on the team," Gauthier said. "It was just phenomenal."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

2008-2009 schedule highlights

Flat Hat Sports breaks down the Tribe's recently released schedule.

Don't miss it

Sat., Dec. 6 — VCU

The Tribe eliminated the Rams from the CAA tournament on departed senior Laimis Kisielius' dramatic, last-second shot. This December, the Rams will be back for revenge as both teams open conference play.

Skip it

Sat., Dec. 20 — HAVERFORD

The Fords went 8-16 last season in division III. If this game is close, then you might want to bring a paper bag.

Grudge match

Wed., Jan. 14 — GEORGE MASON

In a rematch of last season's CAA title game, the College will be looking to avenge their nine-point loss. Look for junior David Schneider to come out firing to make up for his lackluster performance in his final game last season.

Fri., Feb. 25 — @ Old Dominion

The College took two of three from the Monarchs in 2007-2008, including a dramatic CAA quarterfinal win. In this season's penultimate contest, both teams will likely be fighting for crucial postseason seeding.

Major road game



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Junior guard David Schneider